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**FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the**

**MOTION PICTURE CENSOR BOARD**

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**MARYLAND**



**FISCAL YEAR  
1962**

Forty-sixth Annual Report  
MARYLAND STATE BOARD  
OF  
MOTION PICTURE CENSORS

1961-1962

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THE HONORABLE J. MILLARD TAWES

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

DEAR GOVERNOR:

Pursuant to Section 9, Article 66A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I present herewith the Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors for the fiscal year July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1962.

Respectfully submitted, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Norman C. Mason*  
Chairman

## WORK OF THE BOARD

During the Fiscal Year, the Board reviewed 653 original films in addition to 526 re-issued (films that have been reprinted by film companies and returned to the distribution market for exhibition in theatres) and processed 5,504 duplicate prints. There were 494 substitute seals issued to replace seals that had been lost or destroyed. Forty (40) films were modified in part, and three (3) films were rejected in toto.

## OPINIONS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In response to many inquiries from the public, the State Law Department viewed the film "La Dolce Vita", and in summation felt that the film was calculated to be shocking and in some sense irreverent and containing much that might better be left unshown, but found no grounds on which the Board might legally disapprove the film.

The Board requested the State Law Department to advise whether they (the Board) had the right to examine and license each trailer (i.e., excerpts of films to be subsequently shown at the same theatre, also known as "previews") and all duplicates thereof, which are exhibited in Maryland. On October 25, 1961, the State Law Department ruled that under Section 2 of Article 66A, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board has the right to require all trailers and duplicates thereof to be submitted for censorship.

## COURT OPINIONS

On March 23, 1962, the Baltimore City Court substantiated the Board's rejection of the film "The Immoral Mr. Teas", wherein the Board found the film to be obscene, that its calculated purpose to arouse sexual desires, violated Article 66A, Section 6 (a) and (b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

On May 11, 1962, the Baltimore City Court reversed the findings of the Motion Picture Censor Board in ordering two sequences to be eliminated from the film "Les Amants" (The Lovers). The Court ruled that the film was not obscene, erotic or pornographic under the Maryland Statute, and could be exhibited in its entirety.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The year's total receipts were \$63,686.00. This revenue was derived from fees required by law for the Board's examination of films. After defraying expenses of \$64,146.45, the sum of \$2,738.55 unexpended appropriation was reverted to the Treasury. The all-time sum reverting to the Treasury amounts to \$577,887.69, since the inception of the Board.

## INSPECTIONS

During 2,682 visits made to theatres throughout the fiscal year, the Motion Picture Inspectors examined 5,687 films and found 262 infractions of the law, which were corrected without delay. Inspections of all theatres throughout the State are made periodically, to check compliance with the State Motion Picture Censorship Law, and orders issued by the Board.

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MOTION PICTURE CENSORS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1962

## RECEIPTS

(a) Licenses (Original) .....	\$ 19,192.00
(b) Licenses (Duplicate) .....	44,000.00
(c) Licenses (Substitute) .....	494.00
Grand Total .....	\$ 63,686.00

## TOTAL ANNUAL RECEIPTS FOR FORTY-SIX YEAR PERIOD

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Receipts in Excess of Expenditures</u>
1916 - 1962	\$2,232,664.50	\$1,654,776.81	\$577,887.69
Budget Appropriation July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1962 .....			\$ 66,885.00

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Operating expenses:

Salaries .....	\$ 50,046.62
Technical & Special Fees .....	5,812.50
Communication .....	1,413.50
Travel .....	2,544.11
Motor Vehicle Operation & Maintenance ....	478.18
Contractual Services .....	2,086.86
Materials & Supplies .....	823.05
Office Equipment-Replacement .....	714.38
Fixed Charges .....	<u>227.25</u>

Total Disbursements ..... \$ 64,146.45

Amount Unexpended Appropriations as of June 30, 1962 ..... \$ 2,738.55

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MOTION PICTURE CENSORS  
CLASSIFICATION OF FILMS  
JULY 1, 1961—JUNE 30, 1962

1961	Features	Short Subjects	Cartoons	Serials	Adver- tising	Misc.
July .....	436	21	77	0	10	0
August .....	463	45	103	0	5	0
September .....	493	28	91	2	7	0
October .....	389	47	62	6	9	0
November .....	392	56	135	4	8	0
December .....	367	50	77	4	1	0
1962						
January .....	421	65	99	16	1	0
February .....	323	38	105	0	8	0
March .....	436	27	102	16	4	0
April .....	361	68	86	4	4	0
May .....	450	31	48	3	10	0
June .....	431	49	87	0	2	0
TOTALS .....	4,962	525	1,072	55	69	0

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Films, Original .....	1,179			
Films, Duplicate .....	5,504			
Reels, Original .....		7,296		
Reels, Duplicate .....		51,407		
Number of Feet, Original .....			5,748,339	
Number of Feet, Duplicate .....			41,461,560	
Films Approved, Original .....				1,136
Films Approved, Duplicate .....				5,494
Films Modified in Part, Original .....				40
Films Modified in Part, Duplicate ....				10
Films Denied .....				3
TOTALS .....	6,683	58,703	47,209,899	6,683